Governments have been advised to explore other alternatives, including cash payment to their ex-Members.

Expansion of Railways

†1001. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications from various States during 1999-2000 for expansion of Railways;

(b) if so, the number of applications received from Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka and other States; and

(c) what is the number of the applications on which some decision has been taken and stating the number of positive decisions and the number of cases lying pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Planning for Expansion of Railways is done in an integrated manner in a National perspective and not on state wise consideration. However, proposals relating to new Railway projects received from various states are taken due note of.

Following proposals have been received in 1999-2000 from the State Governments. Action taken on each proposal is given alongside.

State	Proposal	Action Taken
Bihar	Gauge conversion of Narkatiyaganj-Bhitiharwa Ashram	It has not been considered necessary to take up this project at present.
Bihar	Kiul-Nawada new line	It has not been considered necessary to take up this project at present.

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State	Proposal	Action Taken
Gujarat	Construction of Alang-Bhavnagar-Tarapur rail line	It has not been considered necessary to take up this project at present.
West Bengal	Gujaria-Gajol New Line	Survey completed.
West Bengal	Tarkeshwar-Sheoraphuli Doubling	Phase I of the work has been included in budget 2000-2001
West Bengal	Howrah—Alipurduar Doubling	Doubling already exists on most part of the route. Doubling work is in progress on the rest of the section except Ahmedpur-Sainthia and Harishchandrapur-Eklakhi sections. It has not been considered necessary to take up doubling of Ahmedpur-Sainthia and Harishchandrapur-Eklakhi sections at present.
Gujarat	Ahmedabad-Vijapur Gauge conversion	Proposal is being examined.
Gujarat	Windmill station to Bedi Port—Pier New Line	Proposal is being examined.
Gujarat	Jamnagar-Bedipur Port—Rosi Pier New Line	Proposal is being examined.
Gujarat	Bringing Gandhinagar on Ahmedabad-Ajmer through route.	The project has been included in 2000-2001 budget.
Punjab	Chandigarh-Ludhiana New Line work be taken up on priority	The work is sanctioned. Land acquisition is in progress. Work will be started once land becomes available.
Tamil Nadu	Gauge Conversion of Salem-Cuddalore section.	It has been sanctioned.
Tamil Nadu	Extension of MRTS Phase-II from Velluchery to St. Thomas mount	A feasibility study has been undertaken by RITES on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu.

State	Proposal	Action Taken
Tamil Nadu	Provision of Railway connection between Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore	Approval of State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for alignment, which will be passing by the side of Central Jail & for sharing the cost of the project in a ratio of 50:50 with Railways has been sought.
Karnataka	Doubling and Electrification of remaining portion of Bangalore-Mysore line	It has not been considered necessary to take up this project at present.
Karnataka	Intermodal Transport System for Bangalore	Proposal is being examined.
Tamil Nadu	Electrification of Pondicherry Villupuram	It has not been considered necessary to take up this project at present.
Kerala	Doubling of Eranakulam-Kayankulam	Survey is in progress.
Kerala	New BG line between Nanjangnd and Vadakara *via* Vythiri-Poozhitode	It has not been considered necessary to take up the project at present.
Kerala	New BG Line between Madurai and Kottayam.	It has not been considered necessary to take up the project at present.

Construction of Over-Bridges in Andhra Pradesh Districts

1002. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of over-bridges under construction in Chittoor, Anantapur and Cuddapah districts of Andhra Pradesh in South Central Railway;

(b) whether the Railways are aware that number of over-bridges and under-bridges are necessary for non-disruption of road traffic;

(c) what steps are proposed to allot adequate funds for such construction; and